

## **SPECIAL SESSION**

State of West Virginia, County of Jefferson, to-wit:

At a Special Session of the County Commission of said County and State continued and held virtually via GoTo Webinar on Monday, April 12, 2021 beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

### **PRESENT:**

Josh Compton, President  
Caleb Hudson, Commissioner  
Tricia Jackson, Commissioner  
Jane Tabb, Commissioner  
Stephanie Grove, County Administrator  
Nathan Cochran, Asst. Prosecuting Attorney  
Alex Beaulieu, Zoning Administrator  
Jessica Carroll, Administrative Assistant

### **In re: Special Called meeting for public hearing to receive input on the Planning Commission's recommended text amendment to the Zoning and Land Development Ordinance to allow Solar Energy Facilities to process in Jefferson County**

The meeting was called to order by President Compton at 6:02 pm. President Compton stated the purpose of this meeting was to hear comments regarding Zoning Text Amendment 19-03 concerning the allowance of solar energy facilities to function as a Principal Permitted Use. Ms. Beaulieu provided the Commission and the audience with a history of the text amendment and stated the Planning Commission had found the text amendment to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Compton then opened the floor for public comment, which was received by the following: Christine Marshall, Tim Ross, Michael Reegan, Anastasia Tabb, Rodney Rice, Bob Aitcheson, Ty Lawson, and Doug Rockwell.

- **Motion by Mr. Compton to approve Zoning Text Amendment 19-03 to allow Solar Energy Facilities to process as a Principal Permitted Use (by right) in the following zoning districts: General Commercial, Highway Commercial, Light Industrial, Major Industrial, Rural, Residential Growth, Residential-Light Industrial-Commercial, and Industrial Commercial. Motion seconded but tabled by Mr. Compton.**
- **Motion by Mr. Compton to enter into Executive Session to receive legal advice from Counsel. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by Mr. Compton to come out of Executive Session. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.**

- **Motion by Mr. Compton to rescind his original motion and add the requirement of a 50 ft. setback with vegetation screen to Zoning Text Amendment 19-03. Motion seconded and passes on a vote of 3-1 with Commissioner Tabb opposing.**
- **Motion by Mr. Compton to approve Zoning Text Amendment 19-03 to allow Solar Energy Facilities to process as a Principal Permitted Use (by right) in the following zoning districts: General Commercial, Highway Commercial, Light Industrial, Major Industrial, Rural, Residential Growth, Residential-Light Industrial-Commercial, and Industrial Commercial, with the additional requirement of a 50ft. setback and vegetation screen to serve as a buffer for adjoining properties to be maintained by the project owners with a landscaping plan to be submitted to the Planning Commission and find the amendment consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan, and to the extent the amendment is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, we find that there have been major changes in the economic, physical and social nature of the area involved that were not anticipated when the Comprehensive Plan was adopted and those changes have substantially altered the basic characteristics of the area, effective April 13, 2021. Motion seconded and passes on a vote of 3-1 with Commissioner Tabb opposing.**

There being no further business, the special session was adjourned at 7:18 pm.